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Mr. Mark Walker
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Subject: Fulton City Marina Renovations

Dear Mr. Walker:

The addition of the cross levee will result in an increase of aquatic habitat and should also result in improved water quality. This will increase the amount of rip rap material resulting in added habitat diversity which will directly benefit the fishery and macro invertebrate populations. The levee will divert silt laden waters that should improve water quality and decrease the sedimentation rate within the harbor area.

With the placement of the levee, there may be a slight risk of oxygen depletion at the upper end of the harbor, but as I understand, there will be connection through the levee by means of flushing tubes. This connection should resolve any resulting fish kill issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Scott Stuewe
Illinois Rivers Ecosystems Coordinator